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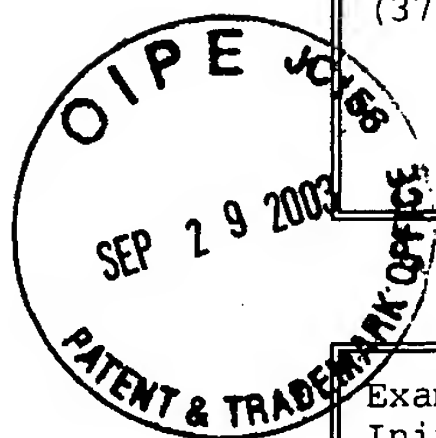
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Annex to Patent Order Letter 2002DE427K

Copies of the below listed references cited as prior art in the specification for filing with the application are enclosed.

References:

- 1) WO-02/08354 ✓
- 2) WO-00/22189 ✓
- 3) WO-98/20186 ✓
- 4) DE-A-196 54 642 ✓